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1. Sea surveying groups 1 and 3 of the Seehydrographischer Dienst (Maritime Hydrographic Service) (SHD) in Stralsund were scheduled to survey the sea area within the three-mile zone from Hiddensee, Gallen Einfahrt (entrance to Gellen) and Dornbusch-Arkona as far as Binz and prepare about 15 charts, scale 1:10,000, in 1953. The surveys which were planned to be made under the command of Oberleutnant Hinz (fnu) and to be carried out by 15 surveying technicians with surveying vessels ERNA and HYDROGRAF, were scheduled to start between 15 March and 1 April 1953.
2. Sea surveying group 2, which was to salvage within the three-mile zone around Ruegen Island and in the waters of Greifswalder Oie, was scheduled to be assigned the new 24-meter cutter JOEDAN which had been built by the Rostock-Gehlsdorf shipyard and was expected to be handed to the SHD in Stralsund on 15 March 1953. Since salvage work usually was the duty of the Schiffsbergung and Taucherei (salvage and diving enterprise) VEB in Stralsund, it was rumored [redacted] that sea surveying group 2 would search for the wrecks of submarines.
3. The earth magnetic section was scheduled to make measurements in the central Baltic as far north as Bornholm Island under the direction of Zimmermann (fnu), surveying engineer, in 1953. The 24-meter cutter MAGNETOLOGE, which was still under construction at the Gehlsdorf shipyard in February 1953, was to be made available for these operations.
4. Surveying vessel JOHANN L. KRUEGER, which was assigned directly to the SHD in Berlin was to carry out measurements of sea currents and obtain samples of sea water in 1953. In February 1953, the special group Hinz of the SHD in Stralsund had not yet received orders for 1953. The geodetic surveying group of SHD Stralsund received orders to survey a strip of the shore 200 meters wide from Cape Arkona to Thiessow on the east side of Ruegen Island.

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